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CATARACT OF THE EYE



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Clearness of structure is the positive requisite for perfect action of this organ.

Dimness or opacities are of various kinds and degrees, from a slight corneal patch to the completely formed cataract. Opacity, then, is a wide word, and includes various diseases, or rather results of diseases. It may be confined to the cornea and yet ruin sight. It may be an involvement of the crystalline lens, the capsule, or of both. The usual methods of treatment carefully reviewed are not encouraging. Corneal opacities are

but little improved with the methods of treatment in the past, and the cataract is allowed to ripen or practically get to its worst possible condition, then an operation is the only promise of relief, the failure of which means blindness.

It has been only a few years since we called the attention of the profession to the possibility of curing cataract without resort to surgical means. Now our



GENUINE CINERARIA MARITIMA PLANT.

Cineraria Maritima has been extensively used, and the constant reception of most flattering testimonials lead us to be more firm in our conviction that in this native plant of Venezuela we have found as near a specific as possible for eye opacities and inflammations. This is the only member of the compositæ family that possesses the power of causing absorption of the various opacities of the eye, such as cataract, glaucoma deronica, iritis plastica, keratitis, pterygium, and symblepharon.

Corneal Opacities—Eight Out of Ten Cured.



DR. SEATHY writes: In a series of ten cases of corneal opacities, eight were cured, one was lost sight of, and one resisted treatment until a course of anti-syphilitic treatment made the cure easy enough. The remedy used was an instillation of three drops of the juice of *Cineraria Maritima* in each eye three times a day. No other treatment was used except in the case mentioned that required the "mixed treatment."

Glaucoma; Surprising Result.

DR. ROSENSTEIN writes: The result of the juice of *Cineraria Maritima* in a case of glaucoma gave me most surprising results. A man of fifty came to me with greatly impaired vision, that glasses would not correct. There was an increase of the tension of the globe. Objects appeared to have a fringe or halo of colors around them. Pain was at times excruciating and aggravated on the slightest touch. The pupil was dilated, iris immovable. The ophthalmoscope showed the veins of the retina enlarged and the arteries contracted. The tendency was toward absolute glaucoma, which results in an eyeball of stony hardness, and frequently cataract of the lens. Two drops of the juice of *Cineraria Maritima* was instilled into each eye three times a day. Now, I did not get or expect results in a week, but in one month an improvement was observed, and in three months I pronounced the eyes saved.

Symblepharon Opacity Cured.

DR. ROSENBERG writes: A young man had a piece of glass accidentally to strike his cornea; the result was an inflammation and finally an adhesion of the cornea and lid mucous membranes. The patient is usually treated with his eye bandaged shut, remaining in this condition day and night for days and weeks. Naturally, the opposing surfaces adhere. This adhesion calls for a surgical operation to separate the surfaces. They were separated, care being taken to prevent the recurrence of adhesion. The patient was cured in perhaps two weeks. But at the point of adhesion in the cornea was an opaque spot, a milk spot, a blur on vision. This cannot be removed by the simple operation that separated the adhesion. This calls for a long course of *Cineraria Maritima*, two drops of the juice of which should be instilled into the outer socket to insure contact of the blind spot with the juice. In this case soon the lymph cells commenced to undergo absorption, and in a few weeks the patient was aware of the fact that objects are clearer of perception through the obscured field of vision. Finally, the spot became transparent and complete restoration of vision followed.

Chalazion Promptly Cured.

DR. TOMILSON writes: The juice of *Cineraria Maritima* made me quite a reputation in eye affections on account of a chalazion that was removed by its use. This word Chalazion, from the Greek, meaning in the original, "hailstone," is a small tumor of the eyelid, formed by the distention of a meibomian gland with retained secretions. My patient, a lady of thirty-one, was against the use of a knife, and as I had a similar tumor two years previous that I could not get away with any remedy I then knew, why promises were a little shaky to this otherwise fair looking madam. My attention was called to the juice of *Cineraria Maritima*. After using a few drops in the eye each day and rubbing a little on the tumor three times a day, it showed signs of dissipating in a few weeks, and in two months was entirely gone.

Keratitis.

DR. SMILEY says: Inflammations of the cornea are very apt to end in haziness of that body, dimness of vision. These results should have been prevented by suitable treatment in the acute stage, but too often the family or patient neglects these cases and we have only the results to care for, and to try to remove the opacity and restore vision. In four of these cases I have used Succus Cineraria, placing two drops in the outer canthus of the affected eye, then rolling the eye in its socket in order to insure the drops coming in contact with the opacities. The cases were also placed on Syr. Ferri Iod., and by faithfully carrying out this line of treatment, I have had the satisfaction of seeing all four get good eyes and clear vision.

Catarrhal Inflammations of the Eye.

DR. RAWLSON writes: You already know my favorable opinion of Succus Cineraria in opacities of the eyes, but I am delighted with its action, also, in all the simpler inflammatory diseases of these organs. Even in the severest degree of inflammation it does not irritate. There may be a momentary smarting, but I am sure that I have aborted conjunctivitis, and shortened materially cases that were of a severe type.

Blindness Prevented; Sight Restored.

DR. RHEA writes: An elderly lady had cataract forming in both eyes for ten years, but the lens never became entirely hardened; she waited and waited for what we thought was a suitable time to operate, but in the meantime she became almost totally blind. We began as a "clutching straw" proposition to use Succus Cineraria, three drops at a sitting, three times a day, in both eyes. She could not read the coarsest print before treatment began; in six months' time she could read aloud to the family with the aid of suitable glasses, and it is our belief that in another six months there will be almost a normal condition of her eyes.

Cineraria Maritima.

NATURAL ORDER. Compositæ.

HABITAT: Venezuela and West Indies.

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION: It is a single individual of a numerous genus, found distributed over all parts of the world, yet it is the only one whose therapeutic properties have been proven. This species, which has been introduced into medical practice, is indigenous to Venezuela and Trinidad. The juice is extracted just before flowering, the plant having reached its fullest vigor, and the active principle being more potent and abundant.

PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTION: The juice is somewhat acrid, and when introduced into the eye produces a slight burning, tingling sensation and an increase of the lachrymal flow. These symptoms soon disappear, however, when the structures become accustomed to the action of the remedy. Being an aqueous preparation, it produces no irritation, and will not injure the delicate tissues of the eye.

THERAPY: The profession is indebted to Dr. R. Mercer, of the Port-of-Spain, for the introduction of *Cineraria Maritima* into general practice. The doctor demonstrated its efficiency in his own case, suffering from a soft lenticular cataract of both eyes.

To-day used by the most eminent physicians and ophthalmologists both in this country and on the Continent. While its primary action is directed to capsular and lenticular cataracts, a number of ophthalmologists claim excellent results in other diseases of the eye. In iritis it overcomes inflammations, removes adhesions and causes rapid absorption of all exudates. After extraction of cataract by surgical means, *Cineraria Maritima* subdues the inflammatory conditions of the iris and ciliary body, which follow when the cortical substance of the lens remains in

the anterior chamber. It promotes the ready absorption of non-organized opacities in the vitreous humor, especially when the consequence of recent infiltration. In cataract, *Cineraria Maritima* has rendered the use of the knife unnecessary, being curative whether the lens or its capsule, or both, are involved. It has a tendency to soften the opaque deposits causing dissolution, and by its stimulating properties hastens absorption.

IMPORTED. We were the first to import *Succus Cineraria Maritima*, and the genuine only bears our label.



DIRECTIONS.

The ease with which this remedy can be employed brings it into general favor with all members of the profession. It is instilled into the eye by means of an ordinary medicine dropper, sev-

eral drops at a sitting, twice a day. *Succus Cineraria Maritima* can be procured from your druggist or through the wholesale drug trade generally, or we will be pleased to forward direct, postpaid, on receipt of price. Per vial, \$1.00. Per dozen, \$9.00.



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